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DC Could Begin Phased Reopening Friday, May 29th

Yesterday, Mayor Bowser released her plan to ReOpen DC. The current stay-at-home order is set to expire on June 8th; however, Mayor Bowser is targeting May 29th to begin opening the District, if the number of COVID-19 cases continues to decline. The final decision on whether the District would move forward with reopening next week would come on Tuesday.

There will be four stages to ReOpen DC.

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
What is the nature of the pandemic?	Declining virus transmission	Only localized transmission	Sporadic transmission	Effective vaccine or cure
What is the nature of our city's activities?	Key low-risk activities with strong safeguards (e.g., parks)	Additional activities with strong safeguards (e.g., indoor dining)	Higher-risk activities, with safeguards (e.g., pools)	A "new normal" for DC, likely with all activities as close to normal as possible
How should we gather ¹ ?	Up to 10 people	Up to 50 people	Up to 250 people	All gatherings
Should we work remotely ² ?	Strongly recommended	Strongly recommended	Encouraged	New normal
Can we travel ³ ?	Discouraged	Discouraged	Can resume	All travel

We strongly recommend that DC's universal safeguards apply through the conclusion of Stage 3.

As it pertains to hotels, below are the suggested criteria for each stage:

Stage 1

Open with safeguards

- Limited access to hotel common areas.
- Reduction in guest services to check-in/check-out only, no visitors other than guests in room, no valet parking.
- Elimination of non-essential amenities.
- No daily housekeeping offered under 7 days.
- Rooms to be cleaned, but not sold for 24 hours after guest departs.

Stage 2

Open with safeguards

- Guest services and limited meetings permitted.
- Hotel restaurants allowed to open in line with industry guidance.

Stage 3

Open with safeguards

- Continuation of Stage 2 guidelines and safeguards.

Stage 4

New Normal

In the Mayor's previous stay-at-home orders, "gatherings" did not pertain to hotels in the sense that you could have more than the recommended number of individuals in a hotel. However, you could not have an event within the hotel with more than the recommended number of people in attendance. As the District ReOpens, this would still be applicable.

Restaurants and Bars

Under Mayor Bowser's recommended Stage 1 reopening, restaurants are still able to have takeout services as well as alcohol delivery. Nightclubs and bars are to stay closed until Stage 3, which depends on the success and social distancing of the first two stages.

- Outdoor table service only with physical safeguards to provide distancing.
- Maximum table size of 6.
- Buffets, standing room bars prohibited.
- More flexibility for restaurants to change the type of license they hold within the food service category.

- Relaxed criteria for restaurants to expand outdoor seating on patios.
- Customers encouraged to leave name and time of arrival.

Stage 2 of the reopening plan would allow restaurants to have up to 50% capacity with bar seating permitted as long as patrons are six feet apart. You still couldn't stand at the bar, and party sizes for tables would increase from 6 to 10.

Salons and Barbershops

Barbers and hair salons are to reopen with social distancing in place and by appointment only. The ReOpen DC Advisory group recommended that a maximum of 5 people are allowed in for every 1,000 square feet of the business.

Masks are still required as well as physical distancing. Nail salons, massage parlors and spas are not recommended to reopen until Stage 2 of the reopening plan and would follow the same 5 people per 1,000 sq. foot guideline.

For the complete ReOpen DC Report click [here](#).

Regards,
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